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AGRICULTURAL LIBRARIES INFORMATION NOTES

ADVISORY COUNCILS TO SEA CREATED

The FOOD AND AGRICULTURE ACT of 1977 (P.L. 95-113) mandated the creation of two new groups for public, state, and federal consideration of questions concerned with research, education, teaching, and extension activities in the food and agricultural sciences. These are:

Joint Council on Food and Agricultural Sciences (25 members, met three times in 1978, and in January this year).

National Agricultural Research and Extension Users Advisory Board (21 members, held its organizational meeting late in 1978).

These two advisory groups to the Secretary of Agriculture are required to meet together once a year, submit recommendations for action, provide coordination, and counsel the Federal Government on agricultural research, education, teaching, and information activities.

JOINT COUNCIL

> "The primary responsibility of the Joint Council shall be to foster coordination of the agricultural research, extension, and teaching activities of the Federal Government, the States, Colleges and Universities, and other public and private institutions and persons involved in the food and agricultural sciences." – U.S. Department of Agriculture. *Secretary's Memo No. 1938* (February 21, 1978)

Membership is broad, from the private, state, and federal sectors and appointed to represent specific groups or activity areas. Membership is given on a page following; the public is free to present views to these individuals or members of the Users Advisory Board. Initial meetings have been concerned with organizing and establishing a structure for systematic discussions and direction from state and local levels.

Of particular interest to readers of *ALIN* is a STUDY GROUP established in late 1978 by the Joint Council for the planning and coordination of technical information systems. This STUDY GROUP is under the chairmanship of Dr. Richard A. Farley, Deputy Director for Technical Information Systems, Science and Education Administration. A meeting is planned for the spring of 1979. Members are:

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The Board has responsibilities for reviewing the policies, plans, and goals of the Department of Agriculture in the food and agricultural sciences and the related programs in other Federal and State units, colleges and universities as developed by the Secretary under the authorization of Title XIV of the *Food and Agriculture Act.* Its intention is to give aim to the programs for which the Joint Council is the coordinating body. The Board may make recommendations to the Secretary on the distribution of resources and the allocation of funds covered by this section of the Act.

These two mechanisms for wide public interaction as well as national coordination are new in some aspects. The Joint Council reflects part of the role of the abolished Agricultural Research Policy Advisory Committee.

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The Technical Information Systems, Science and Education Administration is sponsoring a five-day workshop to train librarians and information specialists in the utilization of its AGRICOLA bibliographic data base in an online mode. Charles L. Gilreath, who compiled the *CAIN ONLINE USERS MANUAL*, will teach the course with the aid of terminal instructors.

The course will be held May 7–11, 1979 at the Student Union Building, Mississippi State University, Mississippi State, Mississippi.

Twenty persons will be accepted in the course. Applicants must be professional librarians or information specialists with advanced academic degrees. Preference will be given to government, land-grant (including the 1890 institutions) or agriculturally related organizations in the South. The course is introductory to the use of AGRICOLA; no prior terminal experience is required. The course will provide extensive lecture, exercise, and terminal experience with commercial systems offering AGRICOLA. All equipment, manuals and instructions will be provided. Persons wishing to attend the course should submit their names on letterhead stationery by April 27 to:

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Emergency telephone reservations, or inquiries, may be made by calling (301) 344-3834. Registrants will be responsible for their lodging, meals, and transportation. Lodgings adjacent to the university campus are:

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NEWS NOTES

BASIC RESEARCH ON SOVIET AGRICULTURE was the topic of a conference held June 8, 1978 at the Kennan Institute for Advanced Russian Studies at the Wilson Center (Washington, D.C.) under the joint sponsorship of the Kennan Institute and the U.S. Department of Agriculture. Scholars are constructively working to disseminate information on the abundance of Soviet and East European publications in the United States.

An analysis of the AGRICOLA data base by Tatiana B. Tontarski, Reference Librarian, NAL/TIS, indicates the wealth of material cataloged and indexed 1970–1978 in the National Agricultural Library, TIS.

	Total No. of Citations	No. of Monographs	No. of Serial Titles
USSR	111,665	6,240	373
Poland	24,365	810	98
Finland	1,516	311	27
Albania	291	3	3
Bulgaria	13,572	204	34
Czechoslovakia	15,020	677	46
Hungary	11,756	766	61
Rumania	7,656	200	105
Croatian, Macedonia, Serbian, Slovak, and Slovene languages	13,049	821	84

To improve communication among researchers, an informal *Newsletter for Research on Soviet and East European Agriculture* will be published under the auspices of the Kennan Institute and the Committee on Research and Development of the American Association for the Advancement of Slavic Studies. This newsletter is intended to serve as a source of current bibliography and as a clearinghouse for news of ongoing research activities, opportunities for support, conferences, international exchanges, and developments under the US-USSR agricultural agreements. Interested researchers should contact Dr. Kenneth R. Gray, Department of Economics, University of Kansas, Lawrence, Kansas 66045; 913-864-3501.

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THE MUSHROOM RESEARCH COLLECTION of Leon R. Kneebone, professor of botany and plant pathology at Pennsylvania State University, was given by him to the Life Sciences Library upon his recent retirement. Some 400 volumes of books and journals on mycology, mushrooms, and edible fungi, including several rare serials and a file of reprints will form a working reference collection for researchers in this field. The collection is available to all users during regular library hours. Visitors may inquire at the Life Sciences information desk, E205 Pattee Library.

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FEENAN D. JENNINGS, Director of the Sea Grant Program at Texas A & M University, will deliver a presentation entitled "Frontiers of Oceanography" at the ACRL Agriculture and Biological Sciences Section meeting at the ALA Annual Conference in Dallas, June 27, 1979, at 9:30 A.M. Mr. Jennings has participated in extensive research expeditions to the Pacific, was Deputy Director of the Office of Naval Research -- Ocean Science and Technology Division, was Head of the National Science Foundation -- Office for the International Decade of Ocean Exploration (IDOE), and presently is Director of the Sea Grant Program at Texas A & M University.

Larry Dean of Louisville, Kentucky has recently acquired the collection of Griffin A. Pleiss, a long-time expert in the field of horticulture and cacti/succulents. Dean is selling this collection. A price list is available on request. Please write:

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